



How Are the Children?

Five Steps to Excellence
in Child Welfare



October 4-5, 2012

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Synopsis

A symposium of the nation's leading experts in Child Welfare. Five key topics explored over two days include: trauma informed care, brain development, adverse child experiences, evidence based practices and childhood relational permanency. Keynote speaker, Bryan Samuels, Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth & Families from Washington D.C. will participate throughout these two days with presenters and participants to continue and enhance the delivery of excellence in care to the children and families throughout the State of Indiana. Participants will have the opportunity to engage and actively participate in setting the standards of care and the state wide measures of well being of the children and families served.

Thursday, October 4th

8:00 am – Registration
9:00 am – Symposium Begins
4:30 pm – Symposium Concludes

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Registration Details:

Fees

\$50 – Registration Fee
\$75 – Registration + 1 night hotel
(indicating which night needed)
\$100 – Registration + 2 nights hotel

Continuing Education

CEU certificate(s) will be available at the conference. The Indiana Administrative Code 839 IAC 1-6-2 (f) (86) covers the following Level I continuing ed:

- Social Workers
- Mental Health
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Clinical Addiction Therapists

Terms and Conditions

Attendance is limited. No refund will be given once your registration and payment have been received. Hotel accommodations will be provided in the registration fee for those attendees that live more than 50 miles from the Indianapolis Convention Center.

Agenda & Speakers

Thursday, October 4

8:00 am Registration

9:00 am Welcoming Remarks: James W. Payne,
Director Indiana Department of Child Services
How are the Children in Indiana?

9:30 am Keynote Speaker:
Commissioner Bryan Samuels, Administration
of Children, Youth and Families from Washington
DC, U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services

Commissioner Samuels has spent his career formulating service delivery innovations and streamlining operations in large government organizations on behalf of children, youth and families.

10:30 am Dr. Robert Anda, MD, MS
ACE Study Concepts

Adverse Childhood Experiences: Connecting a Developmental Lens to the Health of Society.

Understanding that adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are common among all populations and are highly interrelated, Dr. Anda's presentation will focus on the development of the ACE Score and review of the impact ACEs have on the determination of health and social well being.

Noon Lunch provided

1:30 pm Stephanie Peabody, Psy.D
Bryan A. Hudson, Ph.D., HSPP

Normal Neurodevelopment and Deviations Related to Trauma, Maltreatment and Abuse

The presentation will begin with a review of normal brain development (pre-birth through young adulthood) and will be followed by an examination of some of the major consequences of abuse, neglect, and other maltreatment from a neurodevelopmental perspective. Special focus will be given to the relationship between prolonged fear and anxiety and adverse effects on brain architecture, which may lead to diminished learning, behavior, health and social-emotional functioning. The presentation will end with a review of neuroplasticity and implications for potential solutions to increase outcomes.

3:30 pm Gene Griffin, J.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine Creating a State of
Childhood Trauma Coalition

All public sector child-serving systems deal with difficult cases that have trauma as an underlying issue. The systems (child-welfare, mental health, juvenile justice, education etc.) frequently take different approaches in dealing with the child. These approaches require policy decisions that should be coordinated. Training, assessment, treatment and policy issues will be discussed.

4:30 pm Day one concludes

Friday, October 5th

8:30 am Welcome Remarks

9:00 am Ty Rowlison, Ph.D., HSPP

Creating an Array of Evidence Based Practices: Next Steps for Indiana

This presentation will make the case for evidence-based practice as a key component in a trauma-informed system of care. Participants will learn about the criteria used to establish an evidence-based practice system - and provider-level barriers to implementing evidence-based programs; applicable evidence-based programs for children and families involved in "the system"; and DCS plans to implement evidence-based programs statewide.

11:00 am Gina M. Samuels, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, School of Social Service
Administration, The University of Chicago

Creating a State of Childhood Trauma Coalition

Dr. Samuels' groundbreaking research examines two broad themes as it relates to children in foster care: identity development among transracial adoptees and the "aging out" of young adults from foster care. In her foster care research, Dr. Samuels is studying how the child welfare system can play a constructive role in building supportive family networks for young adults aging out of care. A key challenge for foster children is developing a family-based sense of identity. Dr. Samuels finds that relational permanency includes defining dependable emotional support systems for foster children aging out of systems and the important role of the case manager as youth transition to adulthood.

12:15 pm Lunch provided

1:30 pm Defining Well Being for the State of Indiana
Participative Break Out Sessions

4:00 pm Day two concludes



Don't Miss The Opportunity to Attend. Invited Participants Include:

- Child Welfare Staff
- Educational Professionals
- Foster Parents
- Judicial Officers
- Legal Representatives
(Attorneys/CASA Representatives)
- Medical Professionals
- Mental Health Professionals
- Probation Officers
- Service Providers
- Students
- Youth Serving Agencies



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Books For Youth Program

Putting 25 Age Appropriate Books into the Hands of Indiana's Foster Youth

The Indiana Department of Child Services, in partnership with the Indianapolis Colts is proud to announce that, through community book drives and donations over 5,000 foster children in Indiana have received their own personal backpack filled with 25 age appropriate books.

Donate to the Books for Youth Program

We are asking participants to bring a book or two to donate to the "Books for Youth Program" and join DCS and The Indianapolis Colts in this Smart Handoff.

www.colts.com/booksforyouth

New or gently used books ages birth to teen accepted.